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1. During the period from 22 October to 3 November 1952, the Panzer Kaserne on Berliner Chaussee, Bad Freienwalde, was occupied by about 2,000 troops. A local resident stated that loaves of white bread for 3,00 soldiers were delivered to the installation every third day. On the day preceding each delivery [ ] departure of 1,000 discharges. By late September, all troop units had returned to the installation. [ ]

After 28 October, field training was held almost daily in the area near Rathsdorf. No heavy weapons were observed.

2. On 7 November, the Panzer Kaserne was occupied to capacity, with a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Except for one building, all quartering buildings were fully lighted after nightfall. Twelve ZIS-3 76-mm field guns were near a shed in the installation. A total of 29 trucks was observed in and near other sheds. On 9 October, about 800 unarmed troops wearing red-bordered black or black-bordered crimson epaulets or air force insignia on their coats, without baggage and escorted by a military band, marched to the railroad station, coming from the Panzer Kaserne. [ ] they were trained soldiers who were transferred. Their baggage was hauled to the station by trucks. [ ]

3. On 16 October, the Panzer Kaserne, after the return of the troops, was occupied to capacity by 2,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank or artillery insignia and including some without insignia. [ ] some soldiers wearing new crimson epaulets and caps. [ ] the troops returned in early October with 203 tanks as against 150 tanks observed at their departure. Twelve 76-mm field guns, 8 field guns, 8 trucks mounting AA machine guns, 17 trucks and 2 tank trucks were seen in the installation. Ambulance was in the yard. On 16 October, truck [ ] with trailer, and trucks [ ] were seen en route to the railroad station. [ ]

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[REDACTED] Comment. Available information indicated that after their return from the training grounds, in late September, the 16th Gds Mecz Regt, the 93d Tank Regt and the 95th (?) Mtrcl Bn, all of the 6th Gds Mecz Div were stationed in the Panzer Kaserne, [REDACTED]. This would add up to a total of 4,500 troops.

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[REDACTED] elements of the units mentioned, as fatigue details, remained in Templin, where they might be employed in the construction of barracks installations. The number of tanks mentioned in paragraph 3 of the present report is much too high.

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[REDACTED] not more than 130 tanks are believed to be in the installation.

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[REDACTED] as in 1951, the Panzer Kaserne served as assembly point for discharges of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army during the period of personnel exchange.

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